United States Department of Labor Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

J.G., Appellant)
and) Docket No. 21-0105) Issued: May 21, 2021
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, LEHI POST OFFICE, Lehi, UT, Employer))
Appearances: Alan J. Shapiro, Esq., for the appellant ¹ Office of Solicitor, for the Director	Case Submitted on the Record

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

Before:

ALEC J. KOROMILAS, Chief Judge PATRICIA H. FITZGERALD, Alternate Judge VALERIE D. EVANS-HARRELL, Alternate Judge

On October 30, 2020 appellant through counsel, filed a timely appeal from a May 5, 2020 merit decision of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Clerk of the Appellate Boards assigned Docket No. 21-0105.

In a letter dated April 30, 2021, counsel requested that the appeal be dismissed.

The Board has duly considered the matter and concludes that counsel's request for the dismissal of the appeal should be granted. Accordingly,

¹ In all cases in which a representative has been authorized in a matter before the Board, no claim for a fee for legal or other service performed on appeal before the Board is valid unless approved by the Board. 20 C.F.R. § 501.9(e). No contract for a stipulated fee or on a contingent fee basis will be approved by the Board. *Id.* An attorney or representative's collection of a fee without the Board's approval may constitute a misdemeanor, subject to fine or imprisonment for up to one year or both. *Id.*; *see also* 18 U.S.C. § 292. Demands for payment of fees to a representative, prior to approval by the Board, may be reported to appropriate authorities for investigation.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT appellant's request for the dismissal of the appeal is granted. The appeal docketed as No. 21-0105 is dismissed.

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> Alec J. Koromilas, Chief Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Patricia H. Fitzgerald, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board

> Valerie D. Evans-Harrell, Alternate Judge Employees' Compensation Appeals Board